

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: § Group Art Unit: 2139
MAUFER et al. §
Serial No.: 10/603,416 § Confirmation No.: 3444
Filed: June 24, 2003 § Examiner: Jenise E. Jackson
For: NETWORK PROTOCOL
PROCESSING FOR
FILTERING PACKETS §
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 19, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/NVDA/P000802/JCC for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.